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1. On 28 April 1954, the barracks installation at Spechtberg, which includes three sections with 11 quarters, 3 headquarters buildings, several administrative buildings and garages, was occupied by KVP. The installation included a railroad siding to the Torgelow-Eggesin line and two loading ramps.<sup>1</sup>
2. After March, gas masks in boxes were stored in an equipment depot near <sup>S</sup>pechtberg. It could not be determined whether the gas masks were of German or Russian origin.<sup>1</sup>
3. On 20 April, numerous KVP returned to installation Karpin from Easter holiday. Intensive training activity was noticed the following days. At 7 a.m. on 22 April, officers and EM fell in for roll call in front of the quarters. On 23 April, about 60 x 120-mm mortars were parked in the garage of barracks section A. On 24 April, section C quartered a regiment and a regimental school. Discipline and status of training of the members of the school were considerably better than that of the other KVP soldiers. The school trained NCOs candidates. An officer said that, on 27 April, preparations for troop inspections were made at various places in the wooded area. General Hermann Rentzsch and his headquarters were expected to arrive. At about 8 a.m. on 28 April, 5 sedans with high-ranking KVP and Soviet officers arrived in Karpin from the direction of Torgelow, whereto they returned at 5:30 p.m. At about 6 p.m., 10 T-34/85 tanks practiced driving in the area of Teerofen.<sup>2</sup>
4. On 21 April, troops practiced with mortars in the area of installation Karpin. Prior to 28 April, troops engaged in intensive training activity in the vicinity of the barracks installations while after 29 April, only carbine firing was noticed.<sup>2</sup>
5. On 28 April, installation Altwarp still quartered a driver school and an AAA unit. Training activity was normal.

1. Comment. The installation Spechtberg is carried as quartering the medium tank regiment, the heavy tank SP regiment and the tank training battalion of Mechanized Division Eggesin. [redacted] the equipment depot at Gumnitz railroad station stores gas masks and steel helmets for the entire division. The railroad siding of installation Spechtberg presumably leads to Gumnitz railroad station, from where a siding was constructed to Droeseheide-Jaegerbrueck.

2. Comment.  by the end of the winter training, all KVP units would be inspected.

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